

Peter Fried

Died Friday

PIONEER OF 1878 SETTLED ON PRE-EMPTION AND TREE CLAIM NEAR JAMESTOWN.

Peter Fried, one of the early pioneers of the state and a well known resident of the county, died at 5 p. m., Friday, at his residence, 423 south 7th avenue, Jamestown. He had been ill for a year, suffering from an abscess, and gradually failed though everything that was known was done for his benefit. Friday morning it was known that the end was not far off.

Peter Fried was born in Jenatz, Switzerland, March 24, 1844, and when twelve years of age removed with his parents to Fountain City, Wis. There he grew to man's estate and lived eighteen years, and later removed to Arcadia, where he engaged in the farm machinery business for four years.

In 1878 he heard of the opportunities in the then territory of Dakota and he removed to Stutsman county, taking up a pre-emption and tree claim of 160 acres each some ten miles northeast of Jamestown. There he made his home and became a pioneer resident and a factor in the development of the country. He had taken up a homestead in Wisconsin but at that time the government was more generous than at present and Mr. Fried acquired title to a half section of land and later bought many other quarter sections of land in that portion of the country. As his children grew to manhood and womanhood, or married, he presented each to a quarter section land, his blessing and an opportunity to make their own way in the world. Always solicitous of their welfare, he watched over them and in time of stress came to their aid. Living on his original grant from the government he assisted in making the territory about Fried postoffice, named in his honor, a good place. He was assessor of the third district, when there was but three assessor districts in the entire county and his district included the north half of Jamestown. The school district, also named after him, had its finances cared for by him as treasurer for many years.

He was industrious, frugal and acquired a competency. Retiring to Jamestown some years ago he lived quietly there in the afternoon of life.

Beside the widow there is left the following children: John B. of Jamestown, Adolph and Peter U. of Fried, Mrs. John Kasper of Courtenay, Mrs. Ed Albrecht of Herndon, Vt., Mrs. A. H. Sherman of Jamestown and Mrs. J. L. Prader of New Rockford.

To them is extended the sympathy of all. The funeral was held Sunday.